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1. SOUTH AFRICA: NEW COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER [REDACTED] b3

ANC FIREBRAND AND MILITARY LEADER CHRIS HANI WAS ELECTED YESTERDAY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY, DESPITE THE OPPOSITION OF SOME TOP ANC LEADERS, INCLUDING NELSON MANDELA. HANI'S THREATS TO RESUME THE ARMED STRUGGLE HAVE LONG UNNERVED WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS AND IRRITATED MORE MODERATE ANC COLLEAGUES. FORMER HEAD JOE SLOVO, WHO IS SUFFERING FROM BONE CANCER, BECAME THE PARTY'S NATIONAL CHAIRMAN. [REDACTED] b3

[REDACTED] HANI IS POPULAR WITH YOUNGER, MORE RADICAL ANC MEMBERS, AND HIS ELECTION IS LIKELY TO BOOST SACP RECRUITING EFFORTS--A KEY REASON FOR HIS DECISION TO BUCK THE ANC HIERARCHY. HIS IMPETUOUSNESS, HOWEVER, IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO ANNOY TOP ANC OFFICIALS, WHO WILL NOW HAVE EVEN LESS INFLUENCE OVER HIM NOW THAT HE HAS HIS OWN INDEPENDENT POWER BASE, AND MAY EXACERBATE TENSIONS IN THE ANC-SACP ALLIANCE. ALTHOUGH HE IS LIKELY TO STAY ON THE ANC'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, HANI WILL FOCUS ON BUILDING THE SACP'S [REDACTED] b3

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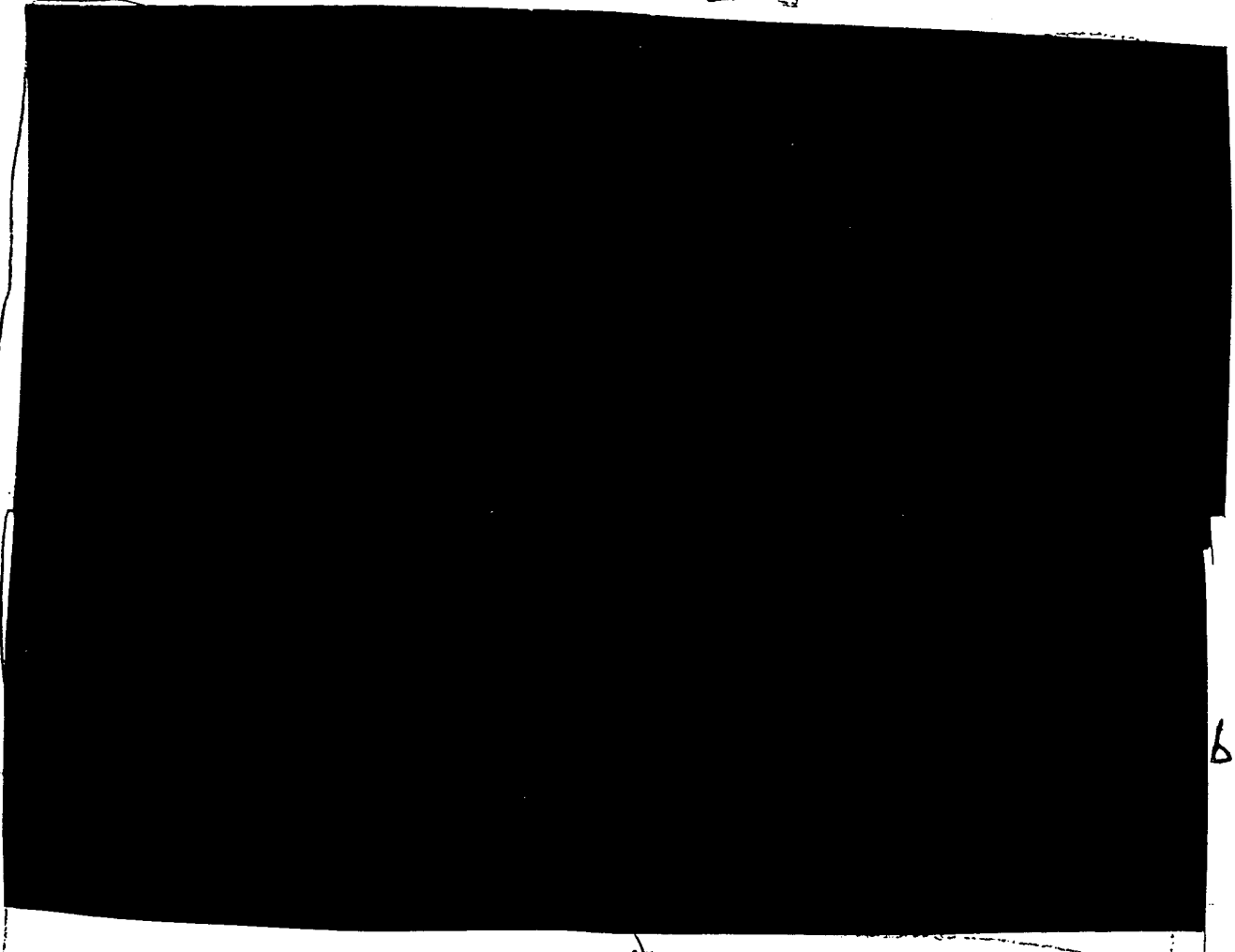
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INFRASTRUCTURE AND ON CARVING OUT A ROLE FOR THE COMMUNISTS DURING
THE COMING CONSTITUTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS. [REDACTED]



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3. INDIA-CHINA: PREMIER'S VISIT MARKS IMPROVING TIES [REDACTED]

DURING LI PENG'S VISIT TO INDIA NEXT WEEK--THE FIRST BY A CHINESE PREMIER SINCE 1960--NEW DELHI AND BEIJING PROBABLY WILL AGREE TO REOPEN CONSULATES IN SHANGHAI AND BOMBAY, TO RESUME CROSS-BORDER TRADE, AND POSSIBLY TO SIGN AN ACCORD ON COOPERATION IN SPACE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE CHINESE MAY URGE NEW DELHI TO SUPPORT THE PAKISTANI PROPOSAL FOR FIVE-NATION CONSULTATIONS ON SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR ISSUES. BORDER DISPUTES ALSO WILL BE DISCUSSED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOTH SIDES VIEW BETTER TIES AS A COUNTERWEIGHT TO US INFLUENCE FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF THE USSR. BEIJING REMAINS COMMITTED TO DETENTE--WITHOUT SACRIFICING ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH PAKISTAN--SO IT CAN CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. NEW DELHI SUSPECTS INTERNAL TROUBLES MAKE CHINA LESS OF A THREAT AND BELIEVES TENSIONS WITH PAKISTAN DICTATE EFFORTS TO KEEP THE BORDER WITH CHINA CALM. JOCKEYING FOR REGIONAL DOMINANCE CONTINUES, HOWEVER; BEIJING IS SUSPICIOUS OF INDIA'S RAPPROCHEMENT WITH NEPAL AND BHUTAN, AND NEW DELHI IS WORRIED ABOUT CHINESE TIES [REDACTED] TO BURMA, BANGLADESH, AND SRI LANKA. [REDACTED]

4. PALESTINIANS: HARDLINE FACTIONS ON DEFENSIVE [REDACTED]

THREE HARDLINE PALESTINIAN GROUPS ARE EXPRESSING GROWING FRUSTRATION OVER EFFORTS BY ARAFAT AND HIS FATAH FACTION TO DOMINATE

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THE POPULAR AND DEMOCRATIC FRONTS FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE AND THE FUNDAMENTALIST GROUP HAMAS RECENTLY ISSUED LEAFLETS HARSHLY DENOUNCING THE PEACE PROCESS AND CALLING FOR STRIKES TO PROTEST PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION, BUT THEY HAVE NOT ADVOCATED VIOLENCE. A JOINT DFPLP-PFLP STRIKE ON WEDNESDAY WAS LARGELY IGNORED IN THE WEST BANK; HAMAS HAS CALLED FOR A GENERAL STRIKE ON MONDAY, BUT THIS COINCIDES WITH A WORK STOPPAGE ANNOUNCED BY THE FATAH-DOMINATED INTIFADAH LEADERSHIP TO MARK THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UPRISING.

ALTHOUGH ALL THREE GROUPS ARE FRUSTRATED WITH FATAH'S DOMINATION OF THE PEACE AGENDA AND ITS GROWING INFLUENCE IN THE UPRISING, THE FAILURE OF THE DFPLP-PFLP STRIKE PROBABLY WILL DETER THESE TWO FROM LAUNCHING MAJOR INITIATIVES IN THE NEAR TERM. THE TIMING OF THE STRIKE BY HAMAS ALSO INDICATES ITS RELUCTANCE TO MATCH WILLS WITH FATAH WHILE ARAFAT'S FACTION HAS THE INITIATIVE.

5. IRAQ: SADDAM'S RELATIVES ATTACKED

GUNMEN HAVE RECENTLY ATTACKED SOME OF SADDAM HUSAYN'S CLOSE RELATIVES. SEVERAL NEPHEWS OF SADDAM, INCLUDING SAB'AWI'S SON, AND 50 OTHER TIKRITIS WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED IN TWO SEPARATE ATTACKS IN BAGHDAD LAST MONTH. RELATIVES OF FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER HUSAYN KAMIL HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR THE ATTACKS.

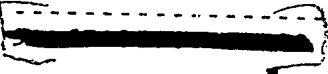

SADDAM'S ABILITY TO PROTECT KEY SUPPORTERS AND STEM LAWLESSNESS IS DECLINING. SUCH INCIDENTS PROBABLY WILL EMBOLDEN OTHER IRAQIS TO ATTEMPT SIMILAR ATTACKS AGAINST REGIME INSIDERS AND THEIR RELATIVES, A DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD FURTHER STRAIN SADDAM'S SECURITY APPARATUS IN THE CAPITAL. FAILURE TO PREVENT SUCH ATTACKS COULD PUT HIM AT GREATER RISK FROM CURRENT SUPPORTERS.

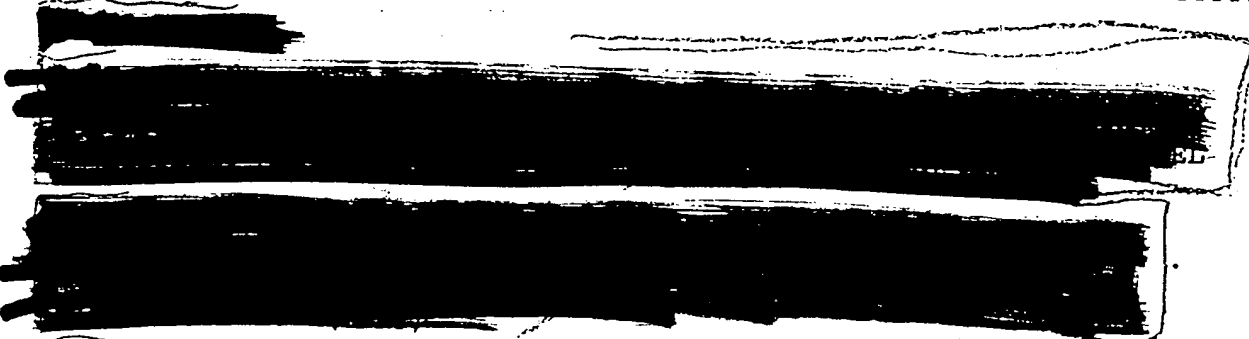
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AFRICA

--SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN HAS ANNOUNCED SOUTH AFRICAN
PRESIDENT DE KLERK TO VISIT USSR NEXT FRIDAY . . . PRAISED ANC,
PRESIDENT MANDELA'S HANDLING OF NEGOTIATIONS . . . ALMOST CERTAINLY
WILL DISCUSS ESTABLISHING FULL DIPLOMATIC TIES.  b3


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